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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims is set forth below. As listed below, the claims show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with <u>strikethrough</u>. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 20 in accordance with the following: 1. (CANCELED) 2. (CANCELED) 3. (CANCELED) 4. (CANCELED) 5. (CANCELED) 6. (CANCELED) 7. (CANCELED) 8. (CANCELED) 9. (CANCELED) 10. (CANCELED) 11. (CANCELED)

12. (previously presented) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship information; and

deleting login data or creating login data according to said validating.

- (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes matching a
 login data item to the contractual relationship information.
- 14. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the contractual relationship information is included within an eligibility database.
- 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating access privileges includes updating a datapage.
- 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes cross-referencing eligibility information with security information.
- 17. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes matching business rules to user login information.
- 18. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein said validating includes periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship information wherein said access privileges define at least one of a program type, data item type, feature type, and menu option type.
- 19. (previously presented) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

periodically validating access privileges based on contractual relationship information; and

creating login data independent of an attempt to access information in the system.

20. (new) A method for updating privileges for access to an information system, comprising:

comparing user login data with contractual information between at least two

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parties to determine system access privileges; and creating or deleting login data based on said comparing.